

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of residents in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Lupus Baptist Church was founded on April 3, 1904, when a number of baptized believers in the growing town of Lupus withdrew their membership from distant Mount Zion Baptist Church in order to establish a church in their home community after several years of convening an independent Sunday School at Moore School; and

Whereas, located alongside the Missouri River and the Missouri Pacific railroad, Lupus Baptist Church was composed of thirty-two charter members, including J.M. Bruce, Margaret J. Bruce, Curtis Bruce, Charles Bruce, Anna Bruce, J.M. Clay, Fannie Clay, J.J. Clay, Sarah Clay, A.J. Wilson, Amanda Wilson, Joe N. Smith, Alice E. Smith, J.A. Alexander, Lucy Alexander, C.F. Adams, Margaret Adams, John T. Bruce, Mr. John T. Bruce, Stella J. Moore, R.M. Hudson, Ida Hudson, T.S. Handy, Lucy Handy, Dr. W.H. Reynolds, Nellie S. Pettigrew, W.B. Deatherage, Docia Swinney, Eliza Musick, Willie Bruce, Roxey Henderson, and O.B. Hudson; and

Whereas, the inaugural deacons included J.M. Bruce, J.M. Clay, and Dr. W.H. Reynolds; the first trustees were C.F. Adams, R. M. Hudson, and J.A. Alexander; and A.J. Wilson served as the first treasurer; and

Whereas, Lupus Baptist Church was guided by a quarter-time pastor in its early days until the church grew enough to require a half-time pastor from 1948 to 1965 and a full-time pastor from 1965 to the present; and

Whereas, pastor since 1984, the Reverend Norman Potter has reinstituted Vacation Bible School and has continued the practice of holding revivals, hosting music groups, providing social activities for youths and adults, overseeing weddings and funerals, observing special occasions throughout the calendar year, and reaching out to others with a cordial welcome of fellowship:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of Lupus Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they observe the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of their religious institution in Moniteau County; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Lupus Baptist Church in Lupus, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry Crawford
District No. 117

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker